the said section, stand included by definition as "appropriate laboratory"

Hindustan Copper Ltd., Calcutta

1333. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Directors of the Hindustan Copper Limited, Calcutta has undergone several changes despite earning profit and raising the productivity ;

(b) whether a few of the directors have been removed despite excellent service records and recommendations of the Board or its Chairman ;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof ; and

(d) what further action is proposed to be taken to improve the management ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d) The full-time Directors on the Board of Public Sector Undertakings are appointed for fixed tenures as per guidelines prescribed by the Govt. During 1988-89, the post of CMD, Hindustan Copper Ltd. (HCL) and the post of Director (Operations), HCL fell vacant. Steps were taken to fill up the posts in terms of the prescribed procedure in consultation with the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) and the appointments have already been made. For the post of Director (Finance) HCLC which fell vacant during the year 1987-88, steps have been initiated to fill up the same.

The management of HCL is quite sound. During the 1988-89, the Company achieved the highest level of capacity uitlisation and achieved a record level of production as well as profit.

Allotment of houses to SC/ST

1334. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of houses built so far through HUDCO in Delhi;

(b) the number of houses allotted to SC/ST; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to complete the Quota reserved for SC/ST ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) :(a) HUDCO have intimated that 13296 DDA houses have been completed out of the schemes sanctioned by HUDCO. Further 1278 houses have been constructed out of the finance provided by HUDCO to Cooperative Societies. HUDCO has also intimated that Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has also constructed 113 houses out of the finance provided by them.

(b) and (c) A reservation of 25% has been provided for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the allotment of houses by the DDA. The reservations have been followed in all allotments, except where the actual number of SC/ST registrants was less than the total number of reserved houses. The situation can be remedied by opening a registration exclusively for SC/ST candidates. On the other hand the backlog of registrants with the DDA is very large and will take many years to liquidate. However, the whole matter is being reviewed to find an acceptable way out.